<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This bankruptcy case was closed on October 12, 2007.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This bankruptcy case was closed on December 21, 2007.

priority claim. This Motion is supported by the Declaration of Geoffrey L. Berman filed herewith. The USACM Trust and the Riegers stipulate:

- 1. Larry L. and Patsy R. Rieger Revocable Trt Dtd 8/14/91 filed Proof of Claim No. 10725-01739 as an unsecured priority claim in the amount of \$292,852.00.
- 2. Larry L. and Patsy R. Rieger Revocable Trust Dtd 8/14/91 filed Proof of Claim 10725-01740 in the amount of \$2,016,829.00 as an unsecured non-priority claim. A portion of this claim has already been disallowed by Order of this Court.
- 3. On March 23, 2007, the USACM Trust filed its Second Omnibus Objection to Proofs of Claim Asserting Priority Status [DE 3259] objecting to the priority status of Claim No. 10725-01739 filed by Larry L. and Patsy R. Rieger Revocable Trust Dtd 8/14/91. No order has been entered on this objection, but the Court did deny a motion for summary judgment filed by the Trust on this claim [DE 5812], which related to the priority claim. Thus, to prevail on its objection to the priority claim, the Trust would have to go to trial before this Court.
- 4. Pursuant to the ADR mechanism established under the Debtors' confirmed Plan, the Trustee, Geoffrey L. Berman and the Trust's attorney Robert M. Charles, Jr. met with the Riegers on September 30, 2010 (without the assistance of a mediator), to review their claims in detail and attempt to negotiate a settlement of their claims. In addition to the substantial documentation the Riegers included with their proof of claim, the Riegers supplied additional documentation to support their claims at the September 30 meeting.<sup>4</sup>
- 5. The Trustee has considered the Riegers' proofs of claim, the documents supplied by the Riegers to support their claims and the dialog between the parties during and immediately following the September 30, 2010 meeting with the Riegers about their claims. The Trustee believes that a significant portion of the Riegers' claims are valid and that other portions of the claims have arguable merit. Therefore, the Trustee believes that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Declaration of Geoffrey L. Berman in Support of Stipulated Motion for Approval of Compromise Settlement of Claims and Directing Payment of Priority Claim Filed by: Larry L. And Patsy R. Rieger Revocable Trust ("Berman Decl.") ¶ 4.

a not insubstantial portion of the Riegers' claims would be allowed were the Trust to continue to dispute the Riegers' claims and bring the dispute before the Court. Thus, disputing the remainder of the Riegers' claims would require the Trust to undertake fact intensive litigation in relation to several different loans. The Trustee believes that the attorneys' fees and expenses the Trust would incur to challenge the Riegers' claims in such litigation would likely exceed the monetary value to the Trust beneficiaries ultimately derived from challenging the Riegers' claims.<sup>5</sup>

- 6. The parties have agreed to settle the Rieger claims and request that the Court enter an order that:
  - Allows Proof of Claim No. 10725-01739 in the amount of \$292,852.00
    (\$32,844 of which is a priority claim) as an unsecured priority claim in the
    amount of \$32,844 (the "Priority Claim"), and disallows the balance of
    Proof of Claim No. 10725-01739 in its entirety;
  - Upon entry of an order approving the compromise between the parties and granting this motion, the Court will direct that the Riegers' priority claim in the amount of \$32,844 be paid.
  - Proof of Claim No. 10725-01740 filed by Larry L. & Patsy R. Rieger
    Revocable Tst. Dtd 8/14/91 filed in the amount of \$2,016,829.00 will be
    allowed as an unsecured non-priority claim in the amount of \$1,467,156.00.
    The balance of Proof of Claim No. 10725-01740 will be disallowed.
  - Based upon the portion of Proof of Claim No. 10725-01740 to be allowed as an unsecured non-priority claim (\$1,467,156.00), the Trust will make an immediate 4.92% distribution (\$72,184.08) to the Riegers as their *pro rata* share of the funds reserved by the Trust from the initial creditor distribution by the Trust. All other funds reserved for the Riegers' disputed proofs of claim will be released from the Disputed Claims Reserve and made available

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Berman Decl. ¶ 5.

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to the Trust for whatever purpose is appropriate in the administration of the Trust.

- Each party to bear their own costs and attorneys' fees.
- 7. The Trustee and the Riegers respectfully request that the Court approve their compromise agreement and grant the Motion. Notice to creditors and a hearing are not required under the confirmed plan, Bankruptcy Code or Rules.

DATED: November 12, 2010.

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AGREED, AND APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

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Dtd 8/14/91

Patsy R. Rieger, Trustee of

Larry L. and Patsy R. Rieger Revocable Trust Dtd 8/14/91 and in her personal capacity

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